

HOPE Meeting September 17, 2024

Mr. Karas -

Thanked parents and caregivers for coming out to the meeting.

1. Discussed fire drill from other day. Alarm didn't go off during the drill. It was discovered that a fuse had blown. It has since been fixed.
2. Let parents/caregivers know a Lock Down Drill will be coming up soon.
3. New literacy program is being introduced to the school this year – HMH. Will make it easier for all students.
4. Classes in trailers moved indoors as precaution. Trailers will be checked for mold and other things.
5. Back to school night - Sept 24 @ 7pm for grades 3-5. Sept 25 @ 5:30 for Pre-K, @ 7pm for grades K-2.
6. Principal email sent out to explain general rules for the school including dismissal options.
7. School website has an option to switch to Spanish.
8. October 3 and 4th - no school due to a holiday.

Mr. Karas then introduced Melissa Gregory to the parents/caregivers as the president of HOPE who continued the meeting.

HOPE Board members were introduced.

1. Back to school night fundraisers were discussed, along with having Monica come that night to help with translating.
 - a. Route 9 cards- Will be on desks at BTSN. Can pay via cash, check or cheddarup.
 - b. Birthday Grams- Available all year, must be sent in by last day of the month before the birthday. Spanish translation of birthday gram is on backside of the paper.
 - c. Spirit Wear- Tshirts and hoodies will be sold at BTSN. Online store will close 9/27.
 - d. HOPE memberships- Once signed up, family name will go on our bulletin board.
 - e. Pencil grams will also be available at BTSN.
2. Book Fair 9/23-9/26
 - a. Setup is Thursday. Volunteering was strongly encouraged, stating that if spot is filled, reach out to HOPE. Nobody will be turned away.
 - b. Students will be shopping with classes and will need to pay tax again so make sure students have enough money.
 - c. Teachers will be receiving Scholastic Dollars to spend at the Fair.
3. Trunk or Treat 10/24
 - a. Notices will be sent home. Need families to decorate cars (about 40) Cars supplied candy for 100-150 kids and rest of candy donated. Prize for best car and everyone will get raffle tickets when pay to come in to vote for 1 car
 - b. Candy Monster will be set up to collect candy on 10/1
 - c. Cars arrive 4:30-5:00 and event 5:30-7:00
 - d. \$5 per child at the door- under 3 free

e. Will be taking pre-orders for pizza again from Inzillos. (can buy by the slice or pie). Will also order some extra to be purchased night of, but please pre-order. Also looking for an ice cream truck to come.

f. Teacher pumpkin bidding contest- Bid on favorite staff pumpkin

g. Leftover Spirit Wear sales

h. Security guard needed for event

4. Treasurer report - Chris

a. Cookie fundraiser raised a couple hundred dollars. Hoping at next month's meeting will have more of an update after more fundraising activities are completed.

5. Upcoming Fundraisers

a. Inzillos Dine to Donate 9/24-9/25, 11am-9pm. Pick up or eat in. No delivery.

b. Clusters Popcorn Dine to Donate 10/12 at Jackson Outlets. A portion of all sales will be donated to our school.

c. Mikes' Crumbcake Fundraiser 10/16-11/1. Distributed 11/18 at night. \$15 per cake.

d. Clothing drive 12/7. Drop off bags of clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, coats, linens, and stuffed animals.. We will receive a rate based on number of pounds collected. Items will be given to Good Will or stores like that to help needy families.

6. Next Hope meeting is 10/15. All parents/caregivers were encouraged to come to the next meeting and to let other parents/caregivers know about the meeting.

Mr. Karas suggested having a World Language Honor Society student come to the HOPE meetings to help translate the meeting to parents/caregivers. He also suggested putting the board minutes/notes translated into Spanish as well.

Parents/caregivers at the meeting were shown the HOPE facebook page so they can follow and get updates on upcoming events related to the school.

Mr. Karas thanked all parents/caregivers for coming.

Meeting adjourned.